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Jeff Koenings WDFW Director 600 Capitol Way North Olympia, WA 98501

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Dear Dr. Jeff Koenings

I just received a copy of the WDFW Strategy Plan for 2005-2007. I wanted to indicate how pleased I was to read about the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (RFEG) program on page 14. This page highlights major partners with WDFW and it is very satisfying to see WDFW give such a glowing report on its partnership with the RFEGs. While I know it's been understood for some time that RFEGs are the ones getting the ground projects done in our watersheds, we have not always been recognized as such an integral link to the WDFW. Thank you for recognizing our hard work in writing. We look forward to partnering with WDFW in the next biennium to implement its Strategic Plan.

I have enclosed several recently created brochures about the RFEG program. One is a general description about the RFEGs. The second describes our recent on-the-ground accomplishments, and the third describes the "toolbox" of ways we can help the state succeed with local salmon recovery. Please share these messages with your colleagues and if you would like more brochures, please contact our WDFW Program Manager, Dianne Ludwig at 360-902-2252.

Thank you for recognizing and supporting the RFEG program. We look forward to continuing a successful partnership in the next biennium.

Sincerely,

Alison Studley Executive Director RECEIVED

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